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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN THE U.S.

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED AN INVITATION FROM THE CHICAGO COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS TO ADDRESS ITS CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON OCTOBER 7. IN ADDITION, YOU HAVE A STANDING INVITATION TO ADDRESS THE MID-AMERICA COMMITTEE IN CHICAGO (THOMAS MINER LETTER TO YOU DATED MARCH 27, 1975). REPLY ON YOUR BEHALF BY ANTHONY RIPLEY (SENT ROUTINELY TO US BY MID-AMERICA COMMITTEE) INDICATED YOUR INTEREST IN ADDRESSING THIS GROUP WHEN YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS. SINCE THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS HAS ARRANGED NUMEROUS ENGAGEMENTS WITH BOTH GROUPS FOR SENIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND AMBASSADORS, WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME BACKGROUND.

2. WE HAVE FOUND BOTH ORGANIZATIONS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE, BUT VERY COMPETITIVE WITH EACH OTHER. IN PAST SITUATIONS WHERE OFFICERS HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS FROM BOTH GROUPS, WE HAVE OFTEN BEEN ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR JOINTLY SPONSORED MEETINGS. THE CHICAGO COUNCIL, HOWEVER, PREFERS SEPARATE

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MEETINGS. WHERE TIME HAS PERMITTED, WE HAVE ARRANGED

BREAKFAST OR LATE-AFTERNOON SESSIONS WITH THE MID-AMERICA COMMITTEE IN ADDITION TO THE CHICAGO COUNCIL LUNCHEON

MEETINGS. THE CHICAGO COMMITTEE INCLUDES A BROADER REPRESENTATION OF SENIOR CHICAGO-AREA LEADERS SUCH AS CHIEF BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, PROFESSIONALS AND A FEW PROMINENT ACADEMICIANS. THE MID-AMERICA COMMITTEE CONSISTS EXCLUSIVELY OF SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS HEADQUARTERED IN THE MIDWEST; IT IS THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IN CHICAGO AND CAN ARRANGE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS WITH BUSINESS LEADERS AS WELL AS GROUP SESSIONS, SUCH AS THE BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING (BCIU) DOES IN NEW YORK.

3. SHOULD YOUR TIME IN CHICAGO PERMIT, ANOTHER VALUABLE FORUM WOULD BE THE CENTER FOR POLICY STUDY, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. THE CENTER CONDUCTS HIGH-CALIBRE STUDIES ON THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING THE NATION AND SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN SCHOLARS AND LEADING FIGURES IN PUBLIC LIFE.

4. PUBLIC AFFAIRS WOULD BE PLEASED TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY DESIRE IN ARRANGING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS OR MEDIA CONTACTS ON YOUR BEHALF IN CHICAGO OR OTHER U.S. CITIES. AS JOHN HABBERTON, BCIU, HAS INFORMED US THAT YOU HAVE ACCEPTED HIS INVITATION TO VISIT NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 6, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP THERE AS WELL. IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO ASSIST, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SEVERAL WEEKS' NOTICE AS TO YOUR DATES OF AVAILABILITY, CITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT, TYPES OF GROUPS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH, AND SUBJECT MATTER YOU WILL WISH TO ADDRESS. KISSINGER

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